

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**CT-258**

**Simmons-Horst Barn**

4557 ~~4555~~ Sixes Road

**Prince Frederick, Calvert County**

**c1865, 1987**

**Private**

The historic barn at <sup>4557</sup>~~4555~~ Sixes Road is an altered example of a tobacco barn constructed during the third quarter of the 19th century in Calvert County. Changes made to the barn since its construction are reflective of the architectural evolution and changes in use typical of tobacco barns in the county during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The barn as originally constructed circa 1865 appears to have been a tall one-story wood-frame barn with a steep gable roof. At that time the barn was associated with the Simmons family farm, the primary dwelling for which is no longer extant. The southwest and northwest shed additions were subsequently built onto the original barn. In 1987 the barn was renovated for the Burnetts by Dickie Smith. This included the replacement of the sills, siding, and weakened structural members. The northeast shed was added by the Burnetts. The barn is now used for storage and drying flowers and herbs.

The wood-frame barn, constructed circa 1865 and remodeled in 1987, is clad in board-and-batten siding and has a gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheets. There are one-story shed-roof additions on the southwest, northwest and northeast elevations. The northeast shed addition is two open bays wide and is used as a vehicular shelter. Wide doors are located on the southwest and southeast elevations. A small wood-frame and chicken-wire pen is located on the northwest elevation and houses pea fowl. The interior of the barn reveals substantial alterations in 1987. Approximately three-fourths of the current structural members can be attributed to this renovation including the sills, outside studs and rafters. Original structural members are hand-hewn and have mortise-and-tenon joints with trunnels. A structure that appears to be the framing for a tobacco prize is present in the original portion of the barn. Associated with the barn is a one-story wood-frame dwelling constructed circa 1989.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-258

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Simmons-Horst Barn

other

### 2. Location

street and number 4557 4555 Sixes Road not for publication

city, town Prince Frederick vicinity

county Calvert

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert Paul Burnett and Barbara P. Burnett

street and number 4555 Sixes Road telephone 410-535-5393

city, town Pr. Frederick state MD zip code 20678-5739

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 27:109

city, town Pr. Frederick liber ABE524 folio 897

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
		storage, plant drying	1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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SETTING. The historic barn is located at ~~4555~~ Sixes Road on the north side of the road just east of the small rural community of Bowens. It is situated in a rural agricultural area amidst a concentration of residential buildings located close to the road. It is a short distance from the road and is approached by a gravel drive that runs from Sixes Road past the southeast elevation of the barn back to a dwelling of recent construction. The barn is on a small knoll and is surrounded by mature trees.

PRIMARY RESOURCE. The wood-frame barn, constructed circa 1865 and remodeled in 1987, is clad in board-and-batten siding and has a gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheets. There are one-story shed-roof additions on the southwest, northwest and northeast elevations. The northeast shed addition is two open bays wide and is used as a vehicular shelter. Wide doors are located on the southwest and southeast elevations. A small wood-frame and chicken-wire pen capped with a shed roof sheathed in corrugated metal is located on the northwest elevation and houses pea fowl. The barn has a wood boxed cornice on the gable ends and exposed rafters on the sheds.

The interior of the barn reveals substantial alterations in 1987. Approximately three-fourths of the current structural members can be attributed to this renovation including the sills, outside studs and rafters. Original structural members are hand-hewn and have mortise-and-tenon joints with trunnels. A structure that appears to be the framing for a tobacco prize is present in the original portion of the barn.

SECONDARY RESOURCE. Also located on the property is a one-story wood-frame dwelling constructed circa 1998. It is clad in lapped weatherboard and has a side-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** c1865, 1987

**Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** c1865, 1987

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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### ENDNOTES

(1) Stinson, Merry. "Simmons-Horst Farm," CT-258. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory for State Historic Sites Survey. Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

(2) Burnett, Barbara. On-site interview by Carrie E. Albee, February 14, 2003.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 49.93 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Broomes Island

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic barn is located at <sup>4555</sup>4555 Sixes Road in Prince Frederick, Maryland. It has been associated with Tax Map 27, Parcel 109 since its construction in the third quarter of the 19th century. The current deed to the property can be found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book ABE 524, Page 897.

## 11. Form Prepared By

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state DC zip code 20001

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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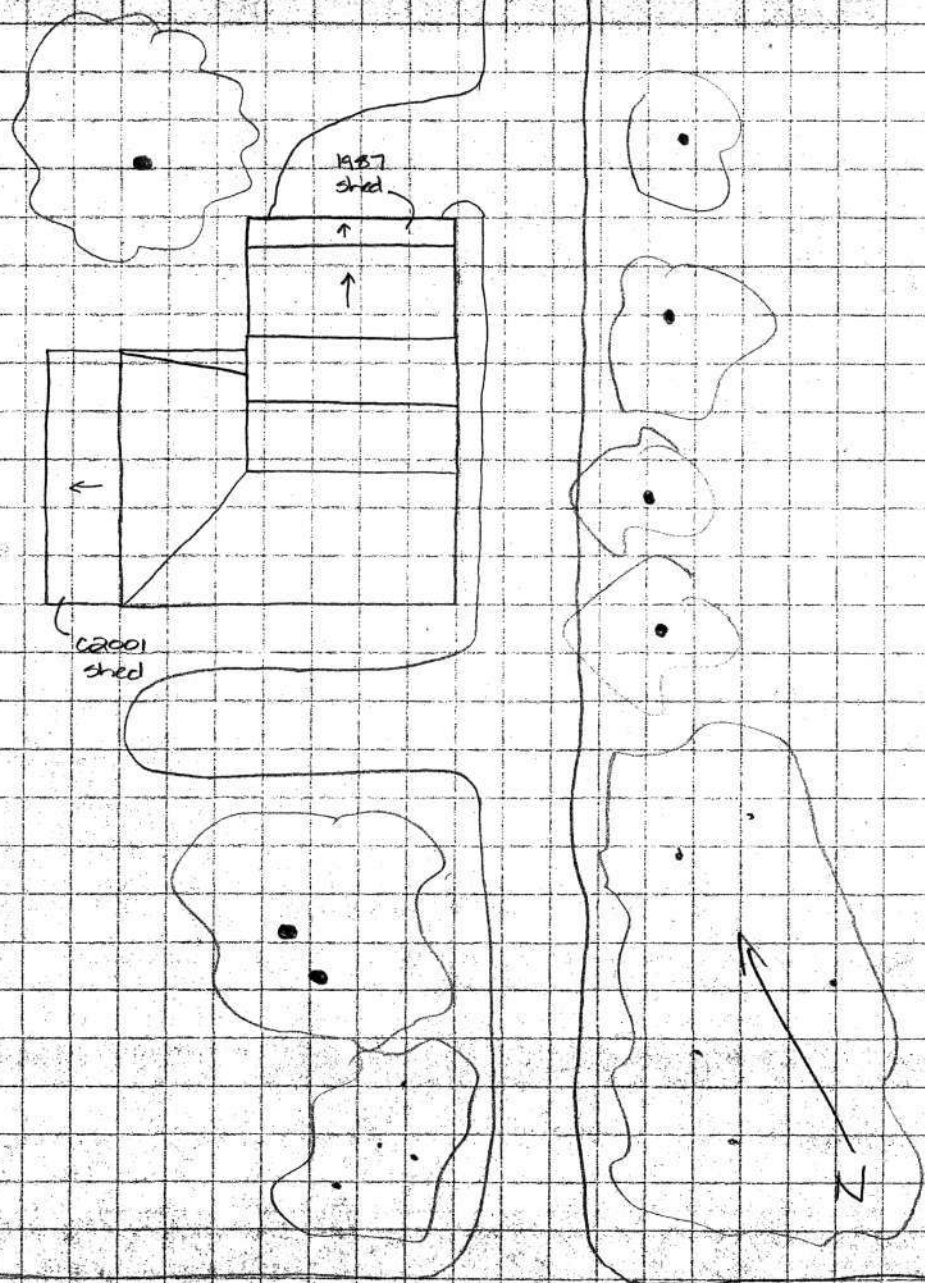
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP  
CT-258  
SIMMONS-HORST BARN  
PRINCE FREDERICK  
CALVERT COUNTY



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

0.8 MI. TO MD. 231  
359000m.E.

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Simmons-Horst Barn

4555 Sixes Road

Prince Frederick, Calvert County

Broomes Island USGS Quad

35' 362

1 MI. TO MD. 2

38°

4262000m.N.

4261

4260

4259

4258

27'30"

4257

BATTLE CREEK CYPRESS SWAMP  
NATURE SANCTUARY

BROOMES ISLAND, MD.

NE/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

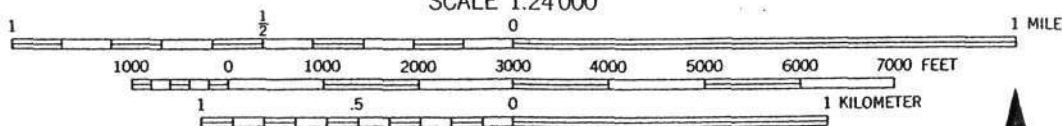
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DMA 5660 1 NE-SERIES V833

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS 1.2 FEET







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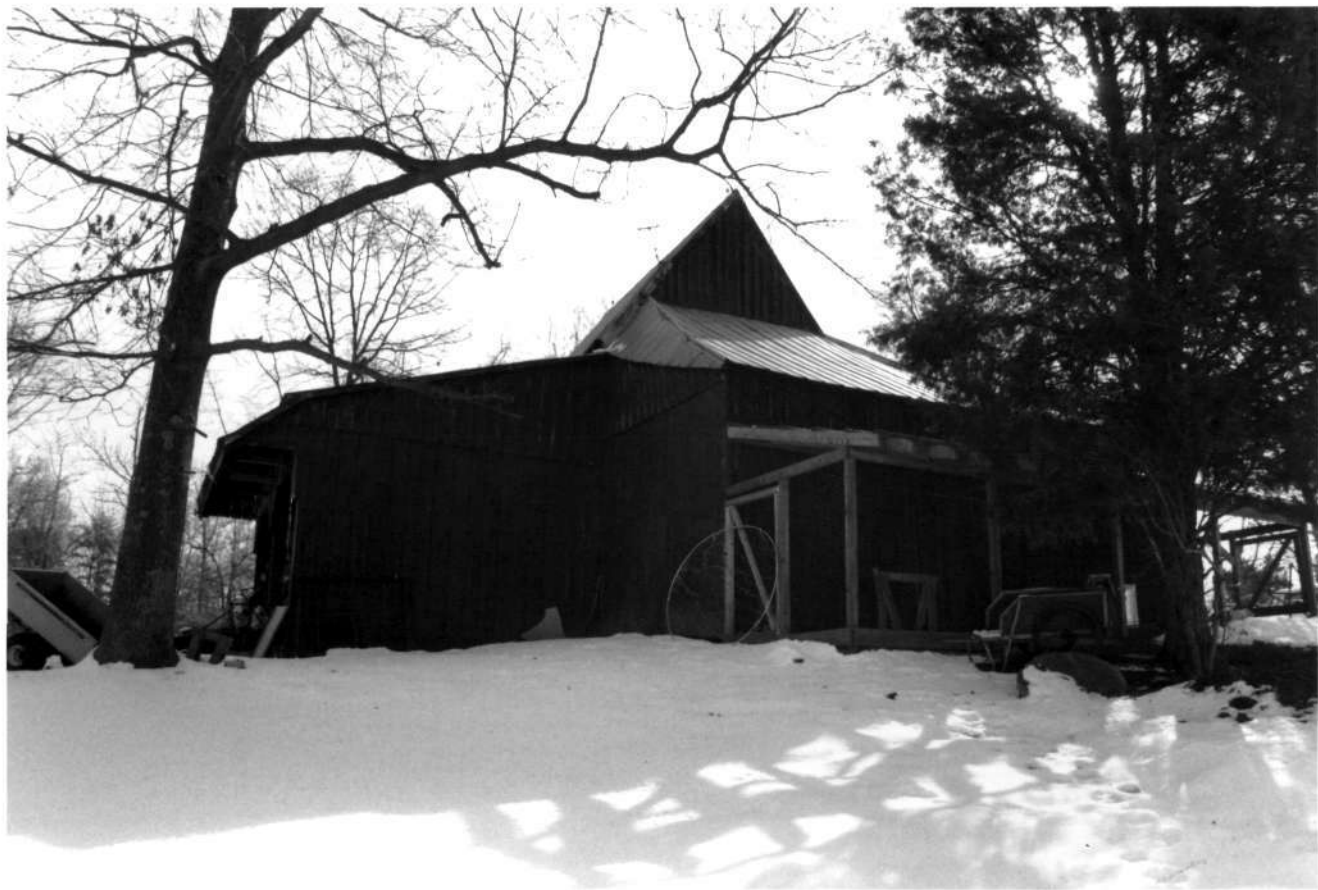
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MD SHPO

House, West Corner

1064



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SIMMONS-HORST BARN

~~4558~~  
4557 Sixes Road

Calvert County, MD

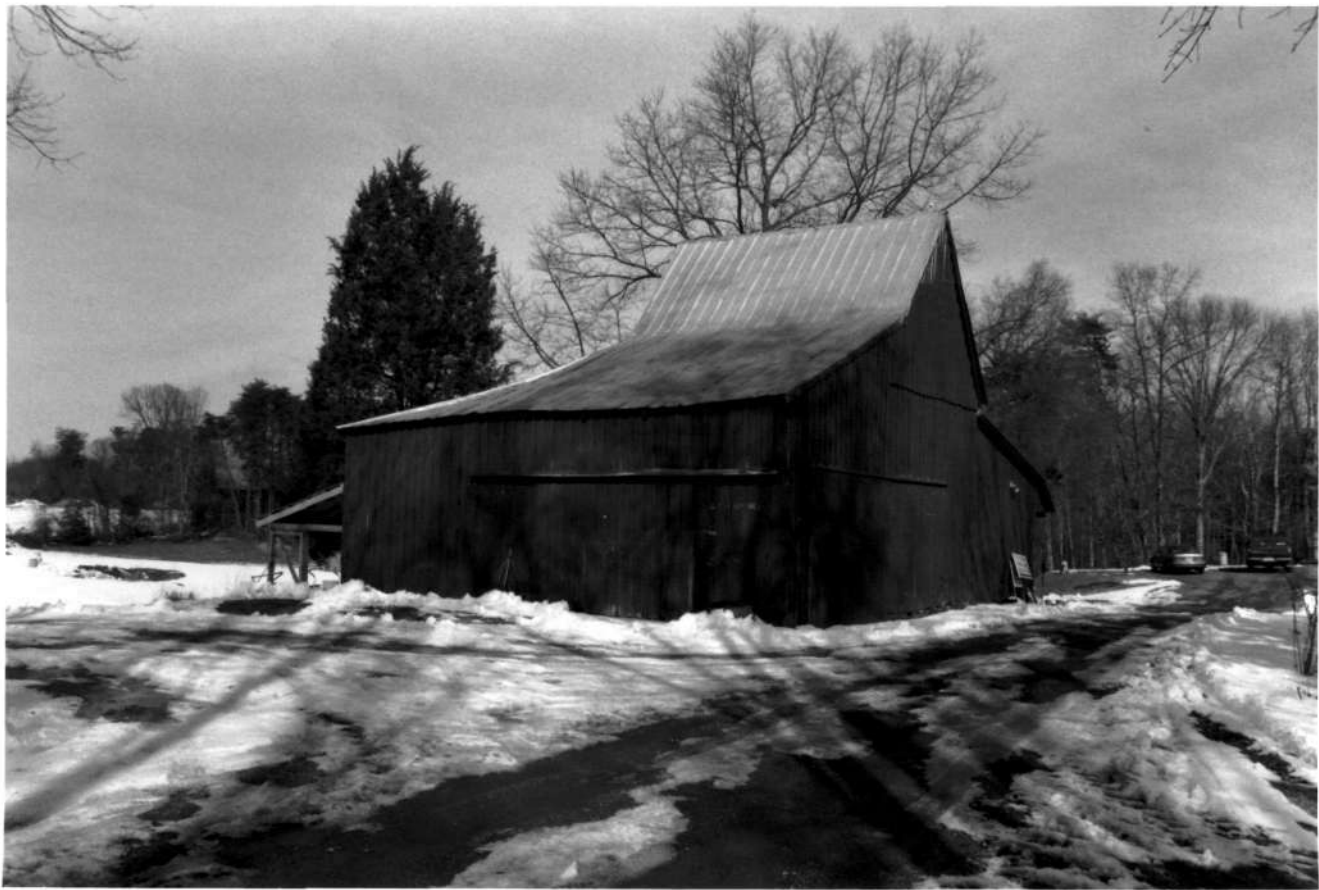
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MD SHPO

House, north corner

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SIMMONS-HORST BARN

~~4555~~ 4557

Sixes Road

Calvert County, MD

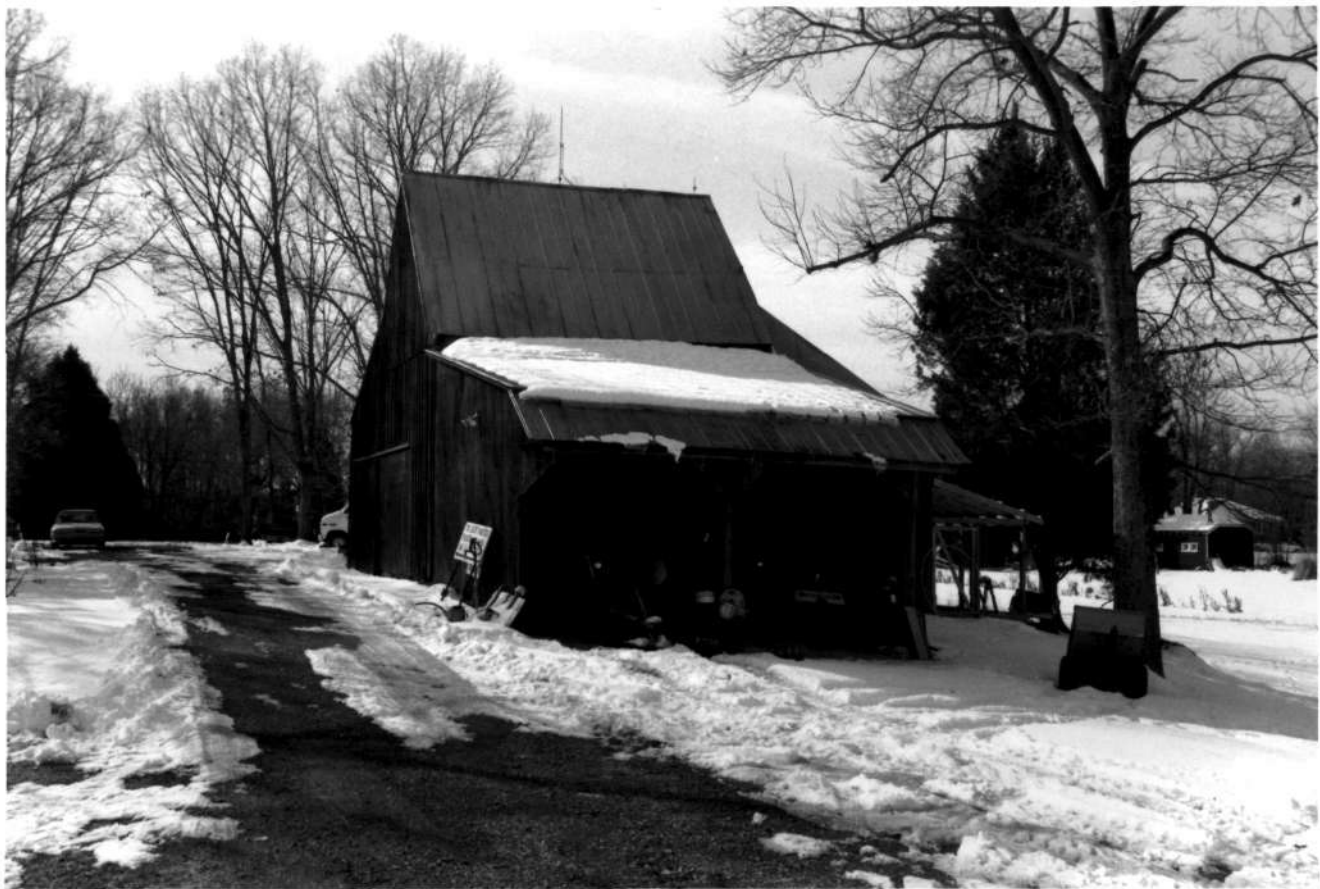
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House, east corner

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SIMMONS-HORST BARN

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~~1555~~ Sixes Road

Calvert County, MD

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House, NE corner

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